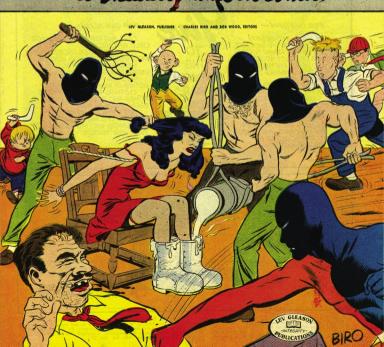
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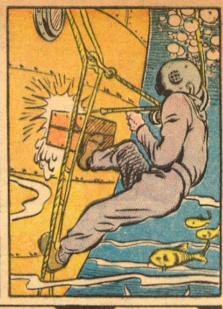
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TO "FIND THE MOTIVE" IS THE FIRST AIM OF CRIME DETECTORS. THEIR WORK, CONTRARY TO GENERAL OPINION, IS PRETTY MATTER OF FACT. MOST DETECTIVES FOLLOW THIS AGE OLD ACCEPTED FORMULA, AND HAVE GREAT SUCCESS, BUT SOMETIMES, THEY FACE A CRIME COMMITTED BY A PSYCHOPATH, SOME LUNATIC WHO IS MOTIVATED ONLY BY A SICK MIND. COMPLETELY UNPREDICTABLE, MANY SUCH MURDERS HAVE GONE UNSOLVED. ELEVEN INNO-CENT PEOPLE WERE TORTURED TO DEATH, APPARENTLY WITHOUT A MOTIVE, PRESENTING THE GREATEST CHALLENGE TO OUR AMERICAN LAW ENFORCEMENT IN ITS HISTORY. THE FIRST TO ACCEPT THIS PUZZLE OF DEATH IS DAREDEVIL. HERE HE FACES THE MOST FANTASTIC RIDDLE OF HIS EXCITING CAREER. THIS CASE IS TRULY A MOST DANGEROUS ONE TO SOLVE AND CALLS FOR A DETECTIVE OF LONG EXPERIENCE AND COURAGE.







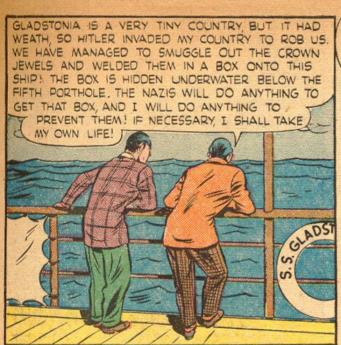






I HAVE WATCHED YOU SINCE
WE LEFT PORT! YOU ARE AN
AMERICAN WHO LOVES HIS COUNTRY.
YOU HAVE A WIFE AND SON WHOM
YOU ALSO LOVE! I'VE FOUND
YOU TO BE A MAN WHO CAN
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DO ANYTHING TO FIGHT THE
ENEMIES OF
DEMOCRACY!





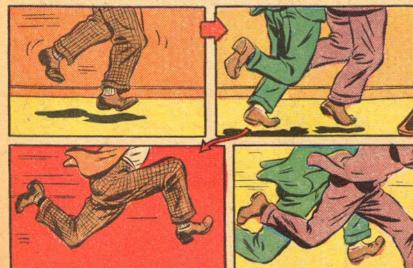




































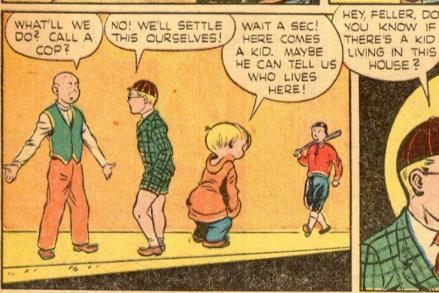






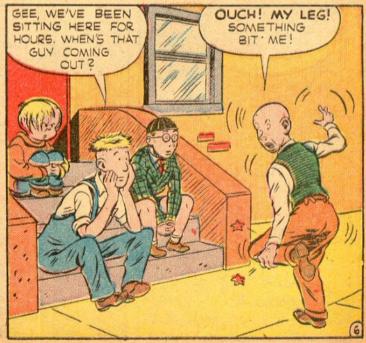








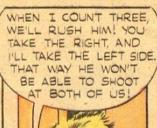


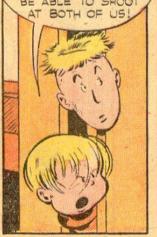
















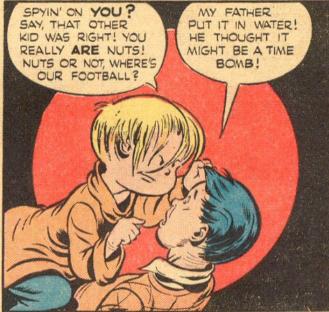
























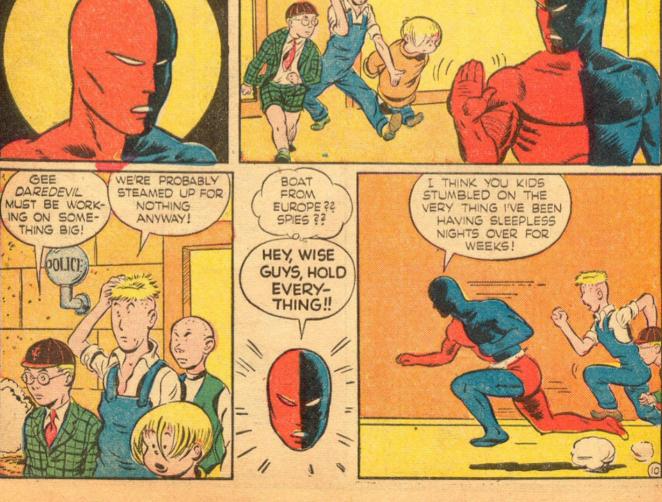










































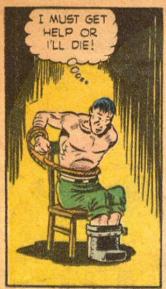


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TO BRING A SPECIAL BULLETIN!
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ANNOUNCED THAT TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS IN JEWELS HAS
BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, AND THAT
THE SLAYING OF ELEVEN PEOPLE
WAS DONE BY GERMAN AGENTS
TRYING TO GET CONTROL OF THE
GEMS! AN ARREST IS















































FOR HAVING, AT
THE RISK OF YOUR
LIFE, GUARDED AN IMMENSE
SUM OF MONEY THAT MADE
POSSIBLE A STRONGER DEFENSE AGAINST THE ENEMY,
REALLY DESERVES
AND ALSO HELPED BRING ABOUT
THE CAPTURE OF DANGEROUS
ENEMY AGENTS, YOU ARE HEREBY AWARDED THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR!

HURRAY

LIFE CONSTRUCTION

THEM!

SAME
THEM!

















THE CLAWITES ADMINISTER THE SERUM TO THE PRISONERS!













AS THE DRUG TAKES EFFECT. THE MENS' EYELIDS DROP!... THEIR MINDS BECOME NUMB AND.















A HUGE GONG RINGS THROUGH-OUT THE CLAWS CHAMBER...-THE ALARM!!!



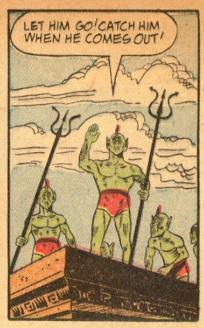


































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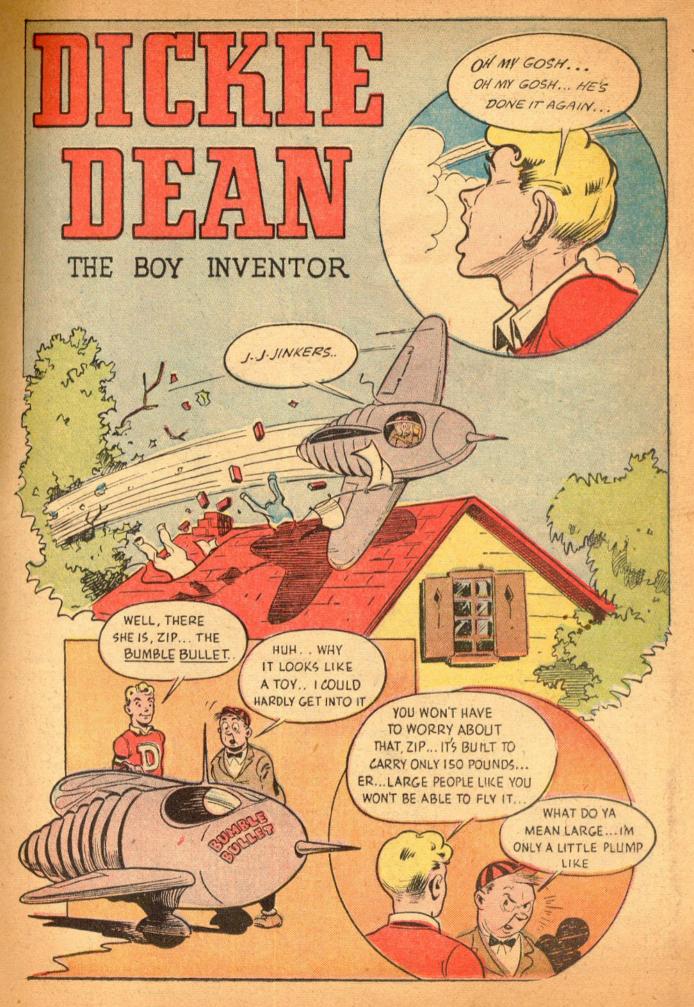








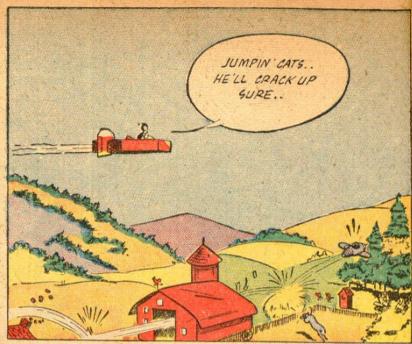


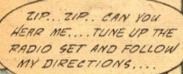














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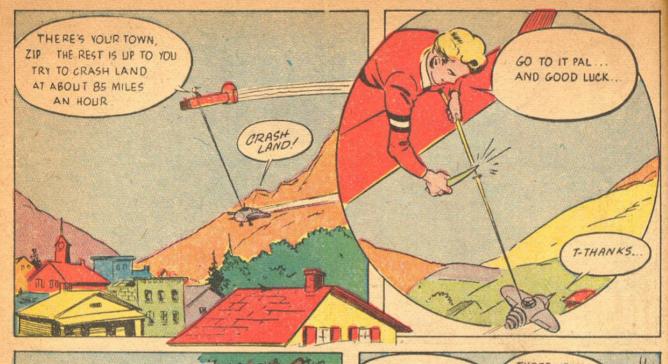
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BROWN PACKAGE.
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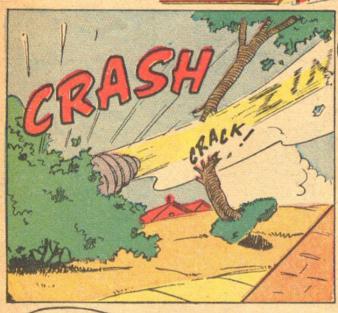
















AH THANK YOU.

MY FRIEND HERE HAS

THE SULFA HE'S THE

ONE WHO. ER

CARRIED IT



OH WELL .. IT WAS NOTHING, REALLY JUST GAVE IT THE GAS AND POP, I WAS HERE



IT WAS TERRIFIC.. CONGRESSMAN KEEN WILL NEVER FORGET YOU FOR THIS .

YES SIR WHEN I GET BACK TO WASHINGTON, ZIP HERE IS GOING TO BE WELL REWARDED FOR THIS

HE'S A GOOD MAN, YES SIR . . WELL, GEE.
IT'S ONLY WHAT
ANYONE WOULD
DO.. IF THEY
COULD.



DEATH IN DISGUISE

By DICK WOOD

FFICER MARTIN pushed his twohundred-and-twenty-pounds to the limit as he rushed down the crowded street. In his hand was a steel blue service revolver that swung in a wide arc as he ran. At a subway entrance he halted, red-faced.

"Did a short, dark man carrying a bag just run in here?", he shouted at a newsboy.

"Yeah, yeah, just about two minutes ago."
The newsboy swung his arm toward the subway entrance excitedly.

Inside Martin slowed down to a walk and gripped the revolver tightly. The Canvass Kid was a killer and he was taking no chances. Not that he was frightened. Officer Martin had tangled with too many tough punks in the past to let one throw a scare into him now. As he moved toward the subway tracks an old white haired woman stepped from a washroom and crashed into his side. Wide gray eyes looked up at him apologetically.

"Oh pardon me, sir, I'm so sorry."

Martin nodded vaguely and moved on. He was still searching the subway an hour later but there was no Canvass Kid about. The Canvass Kid was a mile uptown relieving himself of an old woman's dress and laughing softly.

It was past midnight as Crin chuster set at his desk pouring over the police records. The case of the Canvass Kid was a puzzling one and he could well understand why Inspector Cramer had asked his assistance on it. The police knew very little about the killer. He was small, fast as lightning and all witnesses to his crimes had mentioned a canvass vest that he wore. Crimebuster realized there must be a reason for such a piece of attire... but what? Carefully Crimebuster studied every detail of the police description. The very fact that the police knew so little about their man

made his capture almost impossible. Two banks, three night clubs and a jewelry store had fallen under the killer's axe—and each time a man had wantonly been murdered at the scene of the crime. The most astonishing fact was that the Canvass Kid seemed to have no fear about committing his crimes boldly under the very eyes of the law. Besides Martin, at least a dozen other officers had seen him in action or just after completion of his crimes. And each time he had casually eluded them as if they were mere children.

There was some explanation for such extraordinary ability Crimebuster realized. A trick, a technique, or perhaps something connected with the strange canvass belt he wore. Crimebuster slept with a puzzled frown on his face that night and he still wore it the next day when he visited Inspector Cramer. For two hours they hashed and rehashed every detail in the killer's career but when they were through Crimebuster knew no more than when he started. It was one of the few times in his career that Crimebuster felt stumped. Whoever the Canvass killer was he had taken expert precautions to cover up his past.

It was late afternoon and Crimebuster had wandered down to the lower part of New York. As was his habit sometimes, he had walked along for several hours just thinking and not caring where he went. At the corner of a little side street he started into a restaurant for a cup of coffee and stopped. Up ahead a sign caught his attention and his eyes suddenly flashed brightly. "Canvass goods" it read and a moment later Crimebuster was inside the store talking with the clerk. There was a chance, a slight one to be sure, that the Canvass Kid might be getting his odd vest from this store. For twenty minutes Crimebuster questioned the man at the counter. No.

every customer was well known to him but no person of such a description had done business with him. A tinge of discouragement struck Crimebuster as he headed for the deor. It was the only clue he had had and now that was gone. At the door he paused and turned back toward the flustered clerk.

"Is there another store near by that specializes in canvass goods?" he asked.

The clerk hesitated. "Why yes, as a matter of fact the only real competitor we have is right down the street."

Ten minutes later Crimebuster's heart did a flip-flop as he talked to the portly store owner. A man of the killer's description came in every month on this very same day and ordered a particular cut of the best canvass. In fact, the owner added, he was expecting him any moment now.

Later when the Canvass Kid left the store he failed to notice the slim form of Crimebuster following him down the street. Precise as he was in his criminal maneuvers it had never occured to him that anyone would in anyway connect him with the Lints Canvass Goods Company. It was not until he had arrived at his uptown apartment that a special trick gadget of his gave him the clue. A mirror attached above his doorway revealed Crimebuster following behind him. For months the killer had made it a point to gaze in the mirror before entering, just as a precaution and now it was paying off. Inside he smiled and slipped into a maid's uniform. Blonde hair, powder and wax soon transformed him into a giggling cleaning girl. He chuckled softly as he stepped out of the apartment toward Crimebuster standing at the end of the corridor. Now the great Crimebuster had discovered his hideout. Well what of it. The Canvass Kid could pull the wool over Crimebuster's eyes just as well as the others. How could be suspect anything when no one even dreamed that the killer they sought was a master of rapid disguise. He could spend hours with his best friends without them knowing it. Three yards from Crimebuster, the Casvass Kid suddenly stopped short. The youth was standing before him arms on hips threatening.

"Okay Kid," Crimebuster said softly. "Your little act is over. Take off the rig and come down to headquarters."

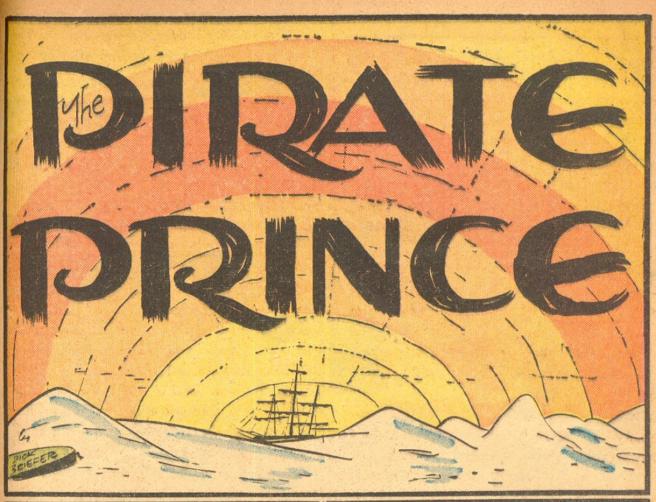
For a moment the Kid's face paled beneath his heavy make-up. For the first time in his life he knew fear. Then, his mind cleared and with a sudden motion he whipped out a small automatic from the dress pocket. Whatever Crimebuster had discovered it would do him no good. The gun barked but Crimebuster wasn't there to receive the bullet. His body was a blurred streak as he sidestepped around and behind the furious gunman. One slender steel arm snapped out and smashed a ball of knuckles against the Kid's jaw. The blow was solid but the Canvass Kid was no weakling His head rolled with the blow and the thick hair wig absorbed some of the blow. He was down under Crimebuster now throwing short lefts and rights into the youth's midsection. The idol of American youth staggered backward against the wall off balance. The Kid was coming in for the kill now. As the revolver smashed into the plaster wall behind his head Crimebuster bent low. A low looping right hook zipped upward and the Canvass Kid felt a pile driver explosion on his chin. Wig, make-up and shoes came off as the little man of murder catapulted through the air to the floor.

Some hours later Crimebuster watched the frowning Inspector Cramer before him.

"How you do it . . . how you do it!" the Inspector exclaimed.

"That canvass vest had me buffaloed for a long time," Crimebuster said "And I wasn't positive that he was using it to hold a quick change disguise in."

America's juvenile crimecracker smiled. "But then the Canvass Kid didn't know that . . . he might still be roaming the streets as a cleaning girl if he had."





.. AND A COLD ONE, FROM THE LOOKS OF THE CLOTHES YOU'RE TAKING.

RIGHT, DROOPY, WE'RE GOING AFTER A MEAN PIRATE SHIP THAT HANGS OUT IN THE ARCTIC



YES-THIS TIME WE'RE GOING TO TRACK DOWN ESKIMO MOE AND HIS ICY LICE OF A CREW!

ESKIMO MOE AND HIS ICY LICE!! THAT'S ENOUGH TO CHILL THE MARROW IN ANYONE'S BONES!



GO THE PIRATE PRINCE AND HIS CREW SET OUT TO FIND THE TERROR OF THE ARCTIC--ESKIMO MOE AND HIS ICY LICE.



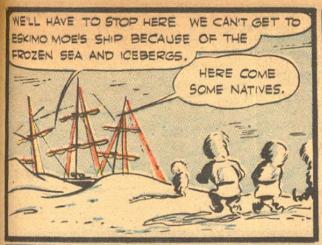














THINGS BAD NO GOOD. WE IM NOT ACCUSING SPEND MUCH WORK GETTING ANYBODY, BUT IF FURS. THEY DISAPPEAR. ESKIMO MOE IS IN THE THINK MAYBE SOME NEIGHBORHOOD, LOTS CROOK STEAL-UM. OF THINGS SHOULD BE MISSING.

ESKIMO MOE, -- GOT PLENTY NEWS! PIRATE PLINCE HERE. HE TELL ESKIMOS YOU ARE BIG HONORABLE CROOK! I DON'T CARE IF THE ESKIMOS KNOW NOW. I HAVE ALL THE FURS I WANT. BUT I FEEL LIKE KILLING THAT PIRATE PRINCE.





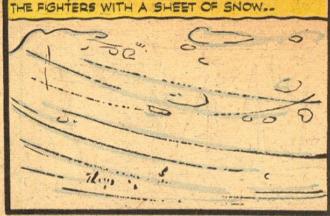








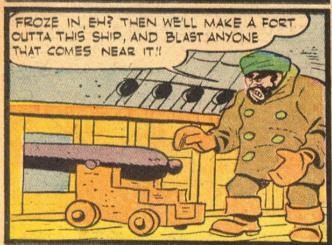




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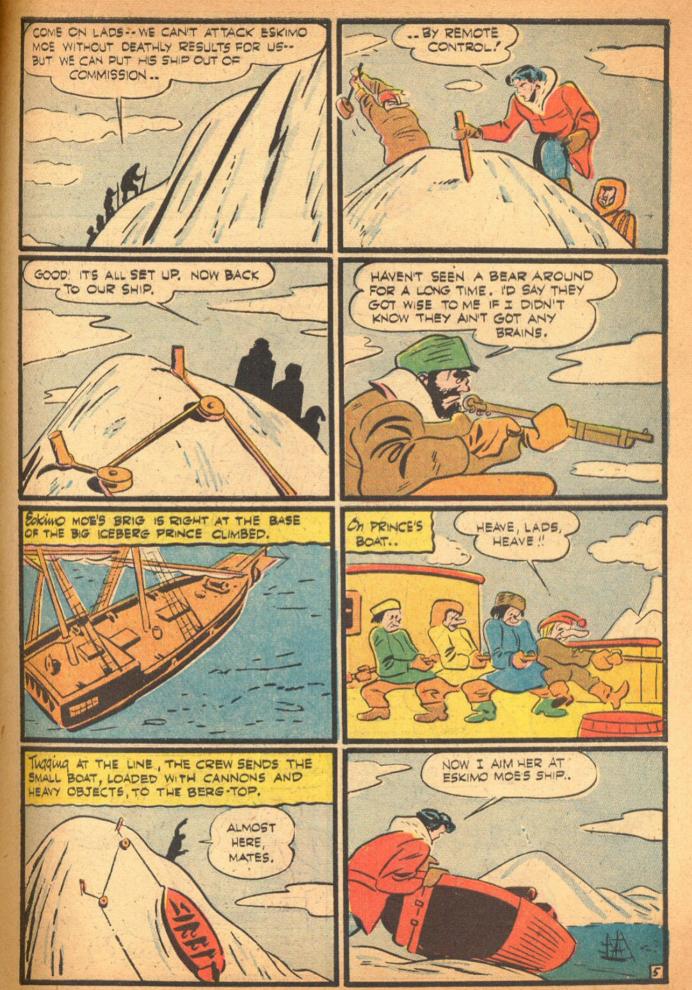




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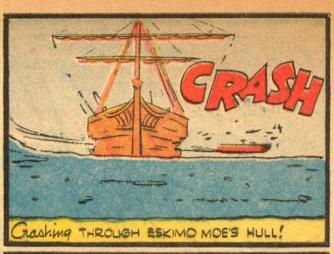


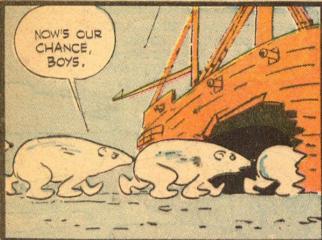
























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